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In those months, I monitored regularly the activities of villagers. There were 27 attempts by elephants to enter crop-fields at 5 study sites. Although people used the community methods such as sound, smell, fire-lines, the damages of 9 crop fields and 7 households were came out. Of many methods, using the loudspeakers was effective to drive the elephants away. One significance was found at one site that elephants did not enter the crop-land and human settlement where visual cleaning was done around its area, although elephants visited there closely at early night time during April 18th -29th.

In January, Ministry of Forestry had given the permission to a private catcher to capture 15 wild elephants using Kheddah Block method. Although 10 elephants were captured, 3 were dead during training period.

According to action plan, one-day training-workshop was conducted, and it was attended by 15 villagers (3 each from 5 sites) and 5 officials. Mapping, measuring, recording and keeping of every conflict incident were taught. All participants had contributed their conflict experiences, learnt from each other, and finally they were able to revise and modify their action plans for the cultivating season.